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This book for young readers explains what discrimination is and explores different types of discrimination and how they have developed over the years. Laws that make it more difficult to discriminate against others are described, and the struggle for human rights is outlined. Discrimination means acting unfavorably toward someone based on the group to which that person belongs rather than on the person's own merits. Prejudice is a belief or an attitude; discrimination involves an action that displays prejudice. When one discriminates, he or she considers the person, not as a person, but as a stereotype. Individual chapters discuss racial discrimination, gender discrimination, discrimination against homosexuals, age discrimination, and discrimination against people with disabilities. The future of discrimination in the United States is considered. A glossary and a list of 21 resource organizations are included. Twenty-one sources are listed for further reading. (SLD)

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